

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,                          )  
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Plaintiff,    )  
  )  
v.   )   No. 4:09CR388 HEA  
  )  
EDWARD L. BELL,                                      )  
  )  
Defendant.    )

**ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on Defendant's Motion to Continue Sentencing [Doc. #45]. Defendant has filed a Waiver of Speedy Trial [Doc. #37]. Plaintiff does not object to a continuance.

This Court, upon careful consideration of the motion of Defendant, and on review of the record, finds that the ends of justice would best be served by continuing the sentencing hearing as to Defendant Edward L. Bell to March 10, 2010, and that a continuance of these proceedings outweighs the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. Furthermore, failure to grant a continuance would deny counsel for the Defendant and the Government the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence.

Defendant indicates that

Defendant has filed with this Court a signed Waiver of Speedy Trial under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. §3161, [Doc. #37].

Concluding that the administration of justice will best be served by continuing this case, the Court will reset the sentencing hearing in this proceeding.

Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the sentencing hearing in this matter is set for Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the undersigned.

Dated this 4th day of February, 2010.



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HENRY EDWARD AUTREY  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE